മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു : സംഗതികൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാനാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ : മനസ്സിലാക്കിട്ടതന്നെയാണോ വന്നിരിക്കുന്നതു?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു : അതെ.

FOOD ADULTERATION CASES—VAKIL'S FEE—REQUEST OF THE TRICHUR MUNICIPALITY

325. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Trichur Municipality has passed any resolution requesting the Government to meet the Vakil's fee for Rs. 100 to be paid for the Vakil briefed by the Trichur Municipal Council for conducting the cases prosecuted by the Municipality against a few Trichur merchants under the Food Adulteration Act which was withdrawn under Government orders ;

(*b*) if so, the decision of the Government on the resolution of the Municipality ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The request was disallowed.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* What was the result that prompted the Municipality to request this money from the Government ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Municipality said that because the withdrawal was ordered without consulting them, they were not bound to bear the cost of the suit.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether their case was that if they had been allowed to proceed with the case, the case would have ended in conviction.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government has interfered in such cases in the case of any Municipality?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Governent):* I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government think it is not their moral duty to pay this Rs. 100 because they interfered unnecessarily ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No. Government do not think so.

SPECIAL REVENUE OFFICER—GRADE OF PAY

326. Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Trichur-Ezhuvas):* Will Government be pleased to state the name and present grade of pay of the Special Revenue Officer and his previous grade and permanent post?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Name Mr. K. Kumara Menon. Present grade Rs. 150—250. Previous grade Rs. 100—150. Permanent Post Additional Revenue Inspector, Ernakulam Town.

Mr. K. R. Achyutan (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*) : May I know, Sir, the pay of this officer's permanent post ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*) : Rs. 60—80.

Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuas-Trichur):* May I know why this officer was promoted over the heads of several others ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is not a question of promoting over the heads of others. He was first put in charge of the acquisition when the demand was for the acquisition of 40 acres for naval purposes. Then he was given Rs. 80—100, because this was a work which had to be pushed on in the twinkling of an eye. We got an order and we had to finish it off in the course of a few days. He was selected because he was the best man. He worked very beautifully. And when the demand for acquisition for various military purposes came one after another and the work increased, his pay was raised from Rs. 100 to Rs. 150. Then again, almost the whole of the Venduruthi Island was acquired and other work in connection with military requisitions and other things had to be done. The work was really tremendous for one man and he was doing it to the satisfaction of all concerned. So, it was thought that he deserved this pay. I would consider that even this pay is insufficient for the work he does.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women):* May I know whether this pay is given by the Government of India.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

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Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)*: May I know whether Mr. Kumara Menon is not the seniormost law graduate in the department ?

Mr. A. Madava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Yes. He is the seniormost law graduate in the Department.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഇതിലേക്ക് ബാദ്ധ്യതപ്പെടാതെവേറെ വല്ല സ്റ്റെഷ്യൽകപ്പാളിഫിക്കേഷനും വേണമെന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: He has passed all the tests necessary for the field officers.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഇതിൽ സീനിയേഴ്സായിട്ടുള്ള വേറെ ആളുകളുണ്ടോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: അപ്പോയിൻറ്റ്ചെയ്യുകാലത്ത് റവന്യൂ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ എന്ന പേരിൽ അപ്പോയിൻറ്റ്ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

And since same work was continued, he was put in cherge of that work.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: സീനിയേഴ്സായിട്ടുള്ളവർ ആ ജോലിക്ക് അപ്രാപ്തരാണെന്നുകണ്ടിട്ടാണോ ഇദ്ദേഹത്തെ നിയമിച്ചത്.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishar)*: At the time when I made the selection, all the persons available were asked whether they were willing to go for this work. Not a single individual was prepared to go to the Cochin Kanayannur Taluk., thinking that the Cochin Kanayannur Taluk was a cursed Taluk with very great difficulties. He was the only person who was prepared to work as I wanted, and without any complaints from any quarter I was able to get through the work within no time.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: കൊച്ചികണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ ജോലിനോക്കുന്ന ചുരുങ്ങിയ ശമ്പളക്കാരായ ഗുമസ്ഥന്മാർ വടക്കൻപ്രദേശത്തുകാരായി ഇവിടയുണ്ടോ? ഈ ശപിക്കപ്പെട്ട കൊച്ചികണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിലേക്ക് വടക്കൻപ്രദേശത്തുനിന്നു ചുരുങ്ങിയശമ്പളത്തിനു് ആളുകൾ വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Oh, yes. There are persons in the lower grade in the Cochin Kanayannur Taluk.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: വേറെ സീനിയേഴ്സായിട്ടുള്ള ആരെയെങ്കിലും ആ സ്ഥാനത്തേക്കുവെക്കുവാനുണ്ടോ എന്നു പരീക്ഷിച്ചുനോക്കിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: No, no. There are not persons here in the lower grade excepting the newly appointed candidates by the Staff Selection Board. None of the others—persons belonging to the other Taluks.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government are completely satisfied that they are right in making the selection.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Absolutely, there is no doubt about that.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I asked the question to every one of those who were on that grade. Not a single individual was prepared. I posted two other men to the Cochin Kanayannur Taluk. Within the course of one or two months they produced medical certficates and they had to be sent back.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know to which community this man belongs.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Pesihkar)*: Nair.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: സീനിയേഴ്സായി എത്രപേരുണ്ടായിരുന്ന കാലത്തു?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I want notice.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ശപിക്കപ്പെട്ട താലൂക്കിലേക്ക് വേറെ ആരും വരാത്തുകൊണ്ടോ, അതോ ഈ മനുഷ്യനു് ഈ ജോലിക്കുവേണ്ടയോഗ്യതകളെല്ലാം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടോ ഇദ്ദേഹത്തെ നിയമിച്ചതു?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: At the time he was selected, nobody else was ready to come and therefore he was appointed to start with. Then it was found that he was the fittest man for the job, and every body who had anything to do with him was perfectly satisfied with him.

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മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ആരും വരാൻ ധൈര്യപ്പെടാത്ത ഈ ശപിക്കപ്പെട്ട താലൂക്കിലേക്ക് ഇങ്ങിനെ പ്രാപ്തനായ ഒരാളെ കിട്ടിയതു് ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ഭാഗ്യമാണെന്ന കരുതുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I do consider it for myself.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know what is the permanent pay of the Revenue Inspector of Ernakulam Town?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Rs. 60—80.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഇതിൽ സീനിയേഴ്സായിട്ടു് ഈ ഏറണാകുളത്തു ജോലിചെയ്യുന്നവരിലാരെങ്കിലുമുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: ഇവിടെയുള്ളവരോടും ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

They were not prepared for this Revenue Inspector's work. That is not an easy job. Sitting in the office and writing something in the file is not the same as the Revenue Inspector's job.

REGISTER OF PAPER AND BOOK-BINDING MATERIALS KEPT IN THE LAND RECORD OFFICE

327. Mr. K Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether a copy of the entries on 11th Edavam 1118 in the "Register of paper and book-binding materials", kept in Land Records Office may be placed on the Council table with notes showing corrections, interlineations and erasures if any as may now be seen in the original;

(*b*) whether there is an entry in the book referred initialled by the Manager or Head clerk showing deficits in stock;

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*.

(*a*) Yes. Copy of the entries is appended (Appendix I)

(*b*) Yes. Mr. T. Achyuta Marar, the Record-keeper of the Land Records Office, was appointed Surveyor in the Hill Paddy Scheme in February 1943. The work being very urgent he was relieved on 3rd Kumbham 1118 before a substitute was appointed to take charge of the materials in his charge. The substitute was appointed only two months later but since Achyuta Marar was busily engaged in the Survey work of the Hill Paddy Scheme, he could not go over to the Land Records Office and hand over charge. In Edavam 1118 Mr. C. Sankara Menon, Manager of the Land Records Office, checked the stock of different sorts of paper kept outside in the Record room and noted the results of his check in the several sections of the stock register in the absence of Achyuta Marar. A few days later Achyuta Marar appeared in the office and accounted satisfactorily for all the items of paper. The entries made by the manager were therefore scored out. There are no erasures.

There is lack of space and proper receptacles for keeping articles of store in the record room of the office. An extension of the building is only being put up. The articles are now stored in different places. A correct verification of the store in the absence of the man in charge is a difficult process as in the present case.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Was there none in charge of those articles and the records during the time that the record keeper was away and another man come two months hence?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: He was in charge technically in the sense that no charge was taken from him. Subsequently the manager was taking and delivering things.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know who will be responsible for these articles during his absence?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: He had undertaken the responsibility, when he wanted to be relieved immediately. Otherwise we would not have relieved him.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether any of these in Appendix (I)—there I find "old stock (entry crossed)—" are those crossings initialled by any officer?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The entries are initialled, but the crossings are not initialled. There is one initial. That was at the time of the entry. After the scoring there is no initial.

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